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QUESTION #	QUESTION	REFERENCE	RESPONSE
56	The Contract Historical Data provided in the bidders library does not contain all of the information specified in Attachment L. We request that the Government make available in the FDSS II bidders library all of the information specified in Attachment L.	Attachment L	The Contract Historical Data that is provided in the bidder's library is the only information that is available for the FDSS II follow-on
57	The RTO 1 Summary of Work states that this task will support orbit determination system analysis, model and system development ... The header for Subtask 1 is "Navigation/Orbit Determination" but the Deliverable is Orbit Determination Analysis Results. Does Subtask 1 also encompass navigation of the Venus1 orbiter from launch vehicle separation through Venus orbit insertion or does it only cover orbit determination once Venus1 is in orbit about the planet?	Exhibit 13, RTO 1	It covers both. Subtask 1 is meant to cover Navigation and Orbit Determination from separation through the end of the mission
58	In RTO 3, the HNE daily launch window is defined as "a set of launch and ascent trajectories sampled at 30 second intervals over a 30 minute span". Does ascent trajectory refer to the launch vehicle during its ascent phase to the upper stage injection orbit or does it refer to the HNE spacecraft during its ascent from the injection orbit to the mission orbit?	Exhibit 13, RTO 3	Ascent trajectory refers to both the launch vehicle during its ascent as well as the HNE spacecraft injection to mission orbit.
59	The Government should make available in the Bidder's Library an inventory of all GOTS and COTS software used in the support of this contract. The inventory should include function/purpose, source lines of code (SLOC), programming language, operating system, license requirements and associated maintenance support contracts, etc.		Full inventory (beyond the list and purpose) is not necessary for response to the RFP, since software maintenance is handled on a task-by-task basis. Preparing the requested inventory would represent an undue burden on the government.
60	Draft RFP Section L.15.3 Subfactor A states on page 89: "The Offeror shall provide a plan on its approach to meet selected critical SOW (Attachment A) requirements. The plan must include detail information that sufficiently demonstrates a clear understanding of the critical SOW requirements listed below: 1) 1.1.2 Tracking Data Evaluation and Calibration (Including Sections 1.1.2.1 and 1.1.2.2)2) 1.1.6 Human Space Flight Support (Including Sections 1.1.6.1, 1.1.6.2, and 1.1.6.3)3) 1.1.7 Expendable Launch Vehicle Support4) 1.2.1 FDF Systems Engineering (Including Sections 1.2.1.1, 1.2.1.2, 1.2.1.3, and 1.2.1.4)5) 1.3 Conjunction Assessment Risk Analysis6) 2.1.4 Attitude Determination and Control Analysis7) 2.2 Technology"SOW items with subsections requiring responses are noted in items 1), 2) and 4). However, item 7) has many subsections that are not mentioned in the instruction or evaluation criteria (i.e., 2.2.1, 2.2.1.1, 2.2.1.2, 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.2.4, 2.2.5, 2.2.6, 2.2.7, and 2.2.8). Please clarify if the Government requires a response to all of the subsections of SOW 2.2, or only the highest level section. If the Government requires responses to all of the SOW 2.2 subsections, we respectfully request an additional five pages to the page limit to provide the detailed response.		The Government requires a response that addresses all sections under SOW 2.2. Additionally, with the release of the final RFP, SOW section 2.1.5 Ground System Development will be added as a critical SOW requirement that needs to be addressed under Subfactor A. As a result, page limitations will be increased to 75 pages.
61	As per Section L.13.b of the FDSS II RFP NNG1344900R, would NASA consider adding 15 pages to the 60 page limit for the Mission Suitability Volume giving Offerors a total of 75 pages to facilitate compliance?		See response to question 60.
62	Will the FDSS II industry day briefing charts and attendees be provided to potential bidders? If so, when?		FDSS II Industry Day charts and scripts have been included in the FDSS II eLibrary.
63	Regarding RTO 3, please define Cycle P and Cycle Q and their relationship. Also, the Summary of Work (Section I) indicates "Bidders should assume that a prior task or tasks previously provided the mission design and the operations concept", but Task A is "Mission Design – Cycle P". Does this mean that the mission design was conducted already is the orbit design & nominal routine phase maneuver plan, while the one wanted for Cycle P is the ascent plan? A clarification on what Task A needs to focus on and what kind of "assessment" is expected would be appreciated. Finally, is the "HNE automated launch window system" Government-furnished software? Does it actually compute launch vehicle ascent trajectories or does it take as input the trajectory and dispersions typically provided by the ULA?		The names "Cycle P" and "Cycle Q" are arbitrary, and meant to represent that there are earlier cycles for work done before the beginning of this RTO (as the first paragraph of the RTO indicates), some of which will be refined during cycles P & Q. The automated launch window system is government-furnished software. It computes launch ascent trajectories with input provided by ULA.
64	RTO 3 indicates that the HNE space will "perform coincident imaging in support of earth science as part of the Earth Observation System (EOS)." Does "coincident imaging" just refer to the two HNE satellites or with an existing satellite in the EOS? Also, which of the EOS constellations will the HNE spacecraft join?		"Co-incident imaging" refers to an existing satellite in the EOS constellation. You can choose the EOS constellation for HNE to join.

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65	Draft RFP Section M (page 116) states: "The total FFP Phase-In price and the proposed and probable Government Pricing Model evaluated cost (including proposed fee amount) will be presented to the Source Selection Authority as well as any cost risk associated with the proposal." When performing the cost evaluation, is the phase-in cost solely assessed for reasonableness and cost realism, or is it considered an additional cost to be added to the cost derived from the Government Pricing Model when comparing our cost to the cost of other proposers? Inclusion of the FFP Phase-In price in the selection process provides a competitive advantage to the incumbent team who has minimal phase-in expenses. We respectfully request the Government consider the following alternative language used at other NASA Centers to provide a level playing field for all Offerors: "FFP Phase-in : To promote fair competition, the price of phase-in will be presented to the SSA but will not be included as part of the total overall proposed or probable cost/price presented to the SSA for selection purposes, as long as the proposed price of phase-in is reasonable. In conducting price analysis of phase-in prices, each firm's phase-in price may be compared to the proposed prices of other Offerors or historical prices for similar efforts. An unreasonable phase-in price may be addressed in discussions."		The Government cost evaluation will be conducted in accordance with Section M.4. Changes to this sections are not warranted.
66	As per FDSS II NGG1344900R, when can we expect answers to the DRFP questions?		Responses to DRFP questions will be released as they are reviewed and assessed as per established practices.
67	There was no reference to the off-site (contractor) facility requirements at the industry day, so can you address any size requirement of the contractor facility (sq. ft., # of personnel) and proximity to GSFC?		There is no facility size and/or proximity requirement for the FDSS II requirement.
68	We recommend not evaluating the FFP Phase-In price since the incumbent team will have an advantage of no/limited transition. We usually see that phase-in/transition is evaluated for consistency with the overall price, but not included in the total evaluated price.		See response to question 65.
69	Please clarify the response required for the SOW elements identified in the Understanding the Requirements. Do we address all sub-elements or only those identified by the work "including?"		See response to question 60.
70	Please elaborate on the Direct and Indirect ceiling mentioned on one of the initial slides?		The FDSS II solicitation does not include the Limitation of Indirect Cost clause. It is not applicable to this requirement.
71	How will the Phase-in cost be evaluated?		See response to question 65.
72	Will the proposal be due in 30 days?		Proposal due date will be established upon release of the Final RFP.
73	The Government has provided three (3) different Labor Category listings in the DRFP, Enclosure A-Government Position Descriptions, GSFC FDSS I – Historical Data and Exhibit 1A – Gov Price Model. Each example lists different labor categories. For example, the Gov Price Model lists IT Specialists, but Enclosure A does not. The Historical Data lists IT Specialists, but states the position has not been filled in the last 12 months. The position of Senior Facilities Technician, also has not been filled in the last 12 months. Does the Government anticipate these positions being filled? If so will the Government provide Job Descriptions, education and experience qualifications and average wage rate? Will the Government designate any positions to be SCA base? Based on the noted variances, will the Government please clarify what positions are to be used in the bidding process, or are the labor cats found in Exhibit 1 the only categories to be used? Also, will the government furnish wage rates were not previously supplied? The wage rates in the Historical Data were in effect March 16, 2013. Will current salaries be furnished when the RFP is issued? Is the Offeror to assume escalation of the rates on March 16, 2014, if so what would the rate be? Will the Government supply recommended wage escalations in the out years? Does the Government have an estimated POP? Does the government anticipate any travel or ODCs?		Enclosure A - Government Position Descriptions and Exhibit 1 - Government Pricing Model have been revised to be consistent and include all labor categories that the Government anticipates in performance of the FDSS II contract. The FDSS II contract is exempt from the Service Contract Act (SCA). The FDSS I Contract Historical Data is provided for information purposes only. ANY OFFEROR PROPOSING TO USE THE INCUMBENT WORKFORCE MUST USE THE INCUMBENT LABOR RATES PROVIDED IN FDSS I Historical Data. Escalation should be applied as applicable. ODCs and Travel will be handled upon issuance of individual task orders. Ordering Period will be for Five Years after the effective date of the contract award.
74	It was stated, "The FDF uses a variety of government and commercial software in support of various functions. A software inventory is provided in the bidders' library." However, the software inventory that has been posted only shows institutional software and does not include any COTS software. Will the Government provide an inventory of the COTS software as well?		The COTS Software has been provided in the FDSS II library.

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75	It was stated, "More detail on the [CARA] operations process is available in the bidders' library." This information has not been posted yet. When do you anticipate posting this?		Conjunction Analysis Risk Assessment (CARA) operations processes has been provided in the FDSS II elibrary
76	Clause G.18 indicates that Government property must be maintained at Contractor controlled and managed premises (off-site). The Government Property list provided in Attachment I appears to list only property maintained at Government controlled and managed premises (on-site). Please provide a list of the Government property maintained by the incumbent prime contractor at their off-site premise in the Bidder's Library.	G.18	Attachment N, List of off-site Government Furnished Property has been included on FDSS II procurement webpage
77	We respectfully request that the FDSS II minimum contract value required for past performance citations be similar to that for FDSS (\$2M total value).		With the release of the Final RFP, the Past Performance minimum size threshold has been reduced to an average annual value of \$2M. However, given the anticipated size of this procurement, it will not be reduced further (as requested), based on a total value comparison.